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Edgewood High School's Academy of Finance Earns National Distinction for Sixth Consecutive Year

For the sixth year in a row, Edgewood High School's Academy of Finance has earned national recognition as a Katherine Blasik Distinguished Academy, the highest level of achievement awarded by the National Academy Foundation (NAF). Edgewood is one of just 209 academies across the country to receive this honor in 2025, and one of only 177 to be recognized multiple times.

The Distinguished Academy designation is based on NAF's annual assessment, which evaluates how well academies implement NAF's results-driven educational design that prepares students for success in college and careers. Distinguished Academies demonstrate consistent excellence in delivering high-quality, career-themed education and real-world learning experiences.

"Financial education is a critical foundation in creating a well-rounded graduate," said Harford County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson. "Through the Academy of Finance, we're not just preparing future business leaders, we're developing fiscally responsible adults who know how to budget wisely and effectively. This recognition highlights the incredible dedication of Principal Sandra McMichael and program coordinator Chuck Hunter, whose leadership has made the Academy one of the premiere high school programs in the Country."

The Academy of Finance at Edgewood High School combines classroom knowledge with application-based projects, career development, experiences and job and internship opportunities to help strategically place students on career and college pathways. The program is made possible through strong partnerships with local businesses including APG Federal Credit Union, Har-co Credit Union, Ingredion, and Edgewood Creamery, whose continued support helps bring real-world learning to life for students.

For more information about the Academy of Finance at Edgewood High School, visit <https://edhs.ss18.sharpschool.com/academics/finance>

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